on pilgrimage to the place. There was one private satrom but it was not useful for all the Brahmins. A caste satrom should therefore be constructed by the Government at Warkala for the use of all Brahmins resorting to the place.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

74. The need for deepening and widening three important canals in the taluk.

Mr. P. R. Narayana Pillai (Member, Vycome taluk) represented that most of the canals in the taluk were owned by the Government and that, for want of proper supervision, they were encroached upon by the people and made unfit for irrigation and navigation. The facilities for cultivating thousands of acres of paddy fields in the taluk were thus lessened. The Member prayed that three of the more important canals, *viz.*, the Kanyan Thodu, the Muzhikal Canal and the Perumparakkal Canal be deepened and widened at an early date.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer will be asked to submit estimates.

75. The need for improving the means of communication in the Vycome taluk.

Mr. P. R. Narayana Pillai (Member, Vycome taluk) said that the village road from Vycome to Vetchur, which was ten miles in length, would be under water during the monsoons and that the travelling public, including several school-children, experienced much inconvenience. Besides, there were four canals to be crossed within that distance, over one of which alone there was at present a rotten bridge; while the others were crossed in boats. The Member requested that orders might be issued for raising the level of the road and gravelling it and also for putting up the necessary bridges.

The Member next said that the road from Chenganda to Arukutti, which was 14 miles in length, passed through the sandy places of Pallippuram and Panavally. When the sand got heated, it was very painful to walk along the road. He prayed that the road should be gravelled.

Lastly, the Member referred to the three-feet trace from Thalayolaparambu to Piravom, which was in many places covered with thorny shrubs and hence unfit for use after 4 P. M. every day. Thalayolaparambu and Piravom had each a market. The people had to go to those markets and to Vycome for worship and on court business through the three-feet trace. He therefore requested that the village road might be improved.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

76. The necessity for deepening, widening and extending the existing canals in and about the town of Vycome.

Mr. K. G. Krishna Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Vycome) said that the canal from the Ithipuzha river to Puthenthodu and its branches were encroached upon by the people and made unfit for purposes of navigation and irrigation. The crop on about 8,000 paras of paddy fields was more or less damaged by the neglect of the said canal. If the canal was improved, it would also be a short cut for the people to come to the town by boat. At present, they had to take a circuitous and dangerous route along the Vembanad lake. The Member therefore proposed that the canal from the Ithipuzha river to the Puthenthodu, the branch canal to the Vadayar river on the east, and another branch to the Vembanad lake on the west, should be deepened and widened, in the interests of agriculture and traffic. He also requested that the branch canal connecting the temple tank and the said canal should be improved, so that it might be an inlet to the temple tank. He added that that was the only way of ensuring a supply of fresh water in the temple tank, which was so largely used by the people of the taluk and the numerous pilgrims going to Vycome for worship.

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